ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Previously Presented) A method for removing entry of a device from a computer system, said method comprising:

searching configuration data for an entry for a device not properly identified by the system; and

removing the entry for the device from the configuration data.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a vendor of the device;

searching subkeys in the configuration data for all devices associated with the vendor; and

deleting keys associated with the devices associated with the vendor.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

modifying an initialization file to remove device information.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

deleting files identified in a file list.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the deleting element further comprises:

saving a backup copy of the files prior to deletion.

6.   (Previously Presented) A method for removing entry of an unknown device from a computer system, said method comprising:

searching a registry for a Universal Serial Bus printer which is not properly identified by the computer system; and

removing an entry for the printer from the registry.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
determining a vendor of the printer;
searching subkeys in the registry for all printers associated with the vendor; and
deleting keys for all the printers associated with the vendor.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
clearing load, run, and device lines from an initialization file.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
removing a devices section and a printerports sections from an initialization file.

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having instructions thereof for enabling a computer to execute a method comprising program in a computer readable medium, said program comprising instructions, when executed for:
deleting entries in a configuration file for all devices not properly identified by a computer system executing the computer program;
scanning subkeys in the configuration file for a device entry associated with a selected vendor; and
removing keys from the configuration file, wherein the keys are associated with the device entry without a user manually deleting the keys.

11.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium program of claim 10, wherein the method instructions further comprise comprises:
removing references associated with the device from an initialization file.

12.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium program of claim 10, wherein the method instructions further comprise comprises:
deleting files identified in a file list.

13.   (Previously Presented) A computer, comprising:

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a processor; and

storage comprising instructions executable on the processor, the instructions executable for:

detecting devices attached to the computer,

identifying the attached devices as unknown when drivers for the attached devices are not present,

installing device drivers, and

deleting entries in a configuration file for all devices which are not properly identified by the computer.

14.   (Original) The computer of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise:

scanning subkeys in the configuration file for a device entry associated with a selected vendor.

15.   (Original) The computer of claim 14, wherein the instructions further comprise:

removing keys from the configuration file, wherein the keys are associated with the device entry.

16.   (Original) The computer of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise:

modifying an initialization file to remove information associated with the device.

17.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

means for removing a registry key associated with a predetermined device of a computer system without a user manually searching for the registry key; and

means for modifying a configuration file to indicate removal of the predetermined device from the computer system without a user manually modifying the configuration file,

wherein the predetermined device is removed from the computer system so as to not interfere with a subsequent device installation.

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18. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said removing means includes means for removing registry keys according to a vendor of the predetermined device.

19. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, said removing means removing at least one registry key selected from a list of registry keys consisting of:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\enum\device bus\

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\device function\Environments\Windows 4.0\Drivers

HKEY__LOCAL_MACHINE\System\currentcontrolset\control\device function\monitors

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\device function\Ports

KEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\device function\device type

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Config\0001\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\ device function\device type

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Class,

where device bus indicates a type of bus the predetermined device uses to couple to the computer system, device function indicates a function the predetermined devices provides, and device type indicates a group classification of the predetermined device.

20. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, said modifying means modifying the configuration file, wherein the configuration file is selected from a list consisting of: win.ini, windows.inf, windows\system, and windows\system32.

21. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, said removing means removing at least one registry key, wherein the at least one register key is selected from a list of registry keys consisting of:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\enum\device bus\

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\device function\Environments\Windows 4.0\Drivers

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\currentcontrolset\control\device function\monitors

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\device function\Ports

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\device function\device type

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Config\0001\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\ device function\device type

HKEY__LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Class, where the device bus indicates a type of bus the predetermined device uses to couple to the computer system, the device function indicates a function the predetermined devices provides, and the device type indicates a group classification of the predetermined device, and the modifying means modifying at least one of the following configuration files: win.ini, windows.inf, windows\system, and windows\system32.

22.   (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, the modifying means modifying a win.ini file by clearing at least one or more of following lines in the win.ini file associated with the predetermined device: load=, run=, device=lines, and at least one or more of the following sections of the win.ini file: devices and deviceports sections.

23.   (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, said removing means being configured by one or more of the following: software stored on an information storage medium and loaded onto the computer system, software downloaded onto the computer system via a network, and software instructions executed by a remote machine coupled to the computer system via a network.

24.   (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, said modifying means being configured by one or more of the following: software stored on an information storage medium and loaded onto the computer system, software downloaded onto the computer

system via a network, and software instructions executed by a remote machine coupled to the computer system via a network.

25.   (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, the removing means being configured by one or more of the following: software stored on an information storage medium and loaded onto the computer system, software downloaded onto the computer system via a network, and software instructions executed by a remote machine coupled to the computer system via a network.

26.   (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, said modifying means being configured by one or more of the following: software stored on an information storage medium and loaded onto the computer system, software downloaded onto the computer system via a network, and software instructions executed by a remote machine coupled to the computer system via a network.

27.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said searching is conducted by the computer system using executable computer code without a user manually searching the configuration data.

28.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said searching of a registry is conducted by the computer system using computer executable code without a user manually searching the registry.

29.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the device is considered to be not properly identified by the system when the device is:
   (i)   not identified by the system,
   (ii)   not completely recognized by the system, or
   (iii)   only identified as a generic device by the system.

30.   (Previously Presented) A method a claimed in claim 6 wherein the printer is considered to be not properly identified by the computer system when the system

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cannot identify the printer at all, only partially recognizes the printer, or only recognizes the printer as a generic device.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium program of claim 10 wherein the devices are considered to be not properly identified when the devices are:

    (i)   not identified by the system,

    (ii)   not completely recognized by the system, or

    (iii)   only identified as a generic device by the system.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the devices are considered to be not properly identified when the devices are:

    (i)   not identified by the computer,

    (ii)   not completely identified by the computer, or

    (iii)   only identified as generic devices by the computer.